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Applicants : Takehiko SHIGEFUJI et al.

Group Art Unit : 3724

Appl. No : 09/680,293

Examiner: Kim Tran

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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH TOOL IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM READER

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 3, 2001, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 4, 2002 (March 3, 2002 falling on a Sunday), and which has been extended by the enclosed Request for a one-month Extension of Time to expire on April 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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